



## Settlement reached between Department of Justice and State of Georgia:

### What does this mean for people with developmental disabilities?

- All admissions of individuals with developmental disabilities to State Hospitals will be **ceased by July 1, 2011**.
- Georgia will **transition all individuals with developmental disabilities** in the State Hospitals to community settings by July 1, 2015.
- Georgia will **create 1150 home and community based waivers for individuals with developmental disabilities by July 1, 2015: 750** waivers to transition individuals from the State Hospitals to community settings, and **400 waivers to help prevent the institutionalization** of those individuals currently living in the community.
- Georgia will serve those individuals receiving home and community based waivers under the Agreement in their own home or their family's home consistent with each **individual's informed choice**.
- Georgia will provide those individuals receiving home and community based waivers under the Agreement with **support coordination** to assist them in gaining access to medical, social, education, transportation, housing, nutritional, and other needed services.
- Georgia will **provide family supports to 2350 families** of individuals with developmental disabilities by July 1, 2015, to help those families continue to care for a family member with developmental disabilities at home.
- Georgia will have **six mobile crisis teams by July 1, 2012** to respond to individuals with developmental disabilities experiencing a crisis anywhere in the community.
- Georgia will **establish 12 crisis respite homes** by July 1, 2014, to provide respite services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

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- The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Service Provider Association for Developmental Disabilities •
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